

DISTRICT AUTHORITY MEETING

SEPTEMBER 09, 2024

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:10 P.M. WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

MEMBERS PRESENT: A/C NORMAND PERRON, A/VC BRIAN MAYNARD,
A/M STEVEN GAGNON, A/M KATHLEEN HAYES, A/M MICHAEL VASSAR

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION-A/M VASSAR, SECOND A/M GAGNON TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 12, 2024. UV

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: DAVID BELLEVILLE, POWHATTAN ST, PUTNAM ADDRESSED THE DISTRICT AUTHORITY REGARDING HIS COMPLAINT OF BEING DENIED A PISTOL PERMIT. HE HANDED OUT ADDITIONAL PAPERWORK TO THE DISTRICT AUTHORITY AND LEFT THE MEETING.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: REVENUE COLLECTOR'S REEQUEST FOR TAX REFUNDS:
TO: CREDIT LEASING INC, LIBERTYVILLE, IL ON G/L10-22MV—VEHICLE SOLD--\$139.21
RAYMOND GOULD, PUTNAM, CT ON G/L10-23MV—TAXES OVERPAID.
ZACHARY COLLINS, LEDYARD, CT ON G/L10-22MV—TAXES OVERPAID.
MOTION A/M GAGNON SECOND A/VC MAYNARD TO APPROVE PROPERTY TAX REFUNDS. UV

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS:

POLICE DEPARTMENT: POLICE CHIEF CHRISTOPHER FERACE GAVE THE REPORT. DISPATCH CENTER RECEIVED 991 CALLS FOR SERVICE IN AUGUST 2024. OFFICERS INITIATED 51 INVESTIGATIONS WITH 68 CRIMINAL OFFENSES REPORTED INCLUDING 11 FELONIES. A TOTAL OF 23 ARRESTS WERE MADE THAT INCLUDED 11 BY WARRANT, AND 12 ON SITE. OFFICERS RESPONDED TO 11 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENTS 16 MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS, THAT INCLUDES PRIVATE LOTS, AND 10 ALARM ACTIVATIONS.

POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED TOTAL INCOME OF \$3640.47 THAT INCLUDED \$3,008.00. FOR OUTSIDE POLICE WORK.

ON 08/19/2024, AT THE PUTNAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING, THE TOWN APPROPRIATED UP TO \$600,000.00 IN ARPA FUND PROCEEDS TOWARDS THE MIGRATION ONTO THE CONNECTICUT LAND MOBILE RADIO NETWORK CLMRN (700/800 BAND RADIO SYSTEM). THIS FUNDING IS TO INCLUDE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ALONG WITH THE TOWN AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS TO TRANSITION TO THE STATE SYSTEM.

ON 08/27/2024, OFFICERS WERE DISPATCHED TO A LOCAL BUSINESS FOR A REPORTED SHOPLIFTING ATTEMPT. THROUGH THE OFFICERS' INVESTIGATION, THEY RECOGNIZED THE SUSPECT AS KAYLA LINK AKA KAYLA GOULD WHO WAS WANTED BY SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS IN CONNECTICUT AND MASSACHUSETTS. A SHORT TIME LATER OFFICERS SAW THE VEHICLE BEING OPERATED BY KAYLA AT THE INTERSECTION OF PROVIDENCE AND POWHATTON STREETS. OFFICERS ATTEMPTED A TRAFFIC STOP AT WHICH POINT KAYLA DROVE INTO A POLICE CRUISER INTENTIONALLY, AND THEN FLED. OFFICERS PURSUED THE VEHICLE ONTO I-395 NORTHBOUND WHERE THE PURSUIT WAS TERMINATED FOR THE SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC PRIOR TO THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE LINE. OFFICERS RECOGNIZED THE MALE PASSENGER IN THE VEHICLE AS ERIC PARISEAU, WHO ALSO HAS NUMEROUS ARREST WARRANTS IN CONNECTICUT AND MASSACHUSETTS. NO INJURIES TO PUTNAM POLICE OFFICERS WERE SUSTAINED AND NON-DISABLING DAMAGE WAS DONE TO THE CRUISER. A DAY LATER, LINK'S VEHICLE WAS LOCATED IN TOWN AND SEIZED AS EVIDENCE. TO DATE BOTH SUBJECTS ARE STILL FUGITIVES AND ANOTHER ARREST WARRANT IS BEING DRAFTED FOR LINK.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: FIRECHIEF ROBERT CAMPBELL GAVE THE REPORT. DEPARTMENT RESPONDED TO 16 CALLS IN AUGUST FOR A TOTAL OF 61.40 MAN HOURS. JOHN PYTKO RESIGNED EFFECTIVE 09/01/2024 DUE TO SOME HEALTH ISSUES. 18 VOLUNTEERS ATTENDED THE JOINT DEPARTMENT TRAINING WITH EAST PUTNAM FIRE DEPARTMENT ON 08/06/2024. A FIRE DEPARTMENT OUT OF PENNSYLVANIA CAME TO LOOK AT ENGINE 278, BUT AFTER THEIR MEETING, THEY DECIDED THEY DIDN'T WANT TO PURCHASE THE TRUCK. CHIEF CAMPBELL IS GETTING QUOTES TO REPLACE THE FIRE HELMETS BECAUSE THEY ARE AT THE NFPA USAGE DATE.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED AS DONATION OF \$250.00 FROM LESCHE PUFFER INSURANCE COMPANY, AND CHIEF CAMPBELL HAS SENT THEM A THANK YOU LETTER. THERE WAS AN ISSUE WITH THE MICROWAVE THAT CONTROLS POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT RADIOS. THE SYSTEM SEEMED TO HAVE HAD A POWER SURGE DUE TO THE LIGHTNING WE HAD THE PREVIOUS WEEKEND. IT WIPED OUT ALL THE DATA, BUT ROGER SANTERE FROM D&R COMUNICATIONS CONTACTED THE MANUFACTURER AND GOT THE SYSTEM UP AND RUNNING AGAIN. AT THE TIME, POLICE AND FIRE WERE USING THE BACK UP RADIOS. THERE IS SOME DATA MISSING, BUT IT DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH THE RADIOS. VARIOUS SOLUTIONS TO REMEDY THE PROBLEM ARE BEING LOOKED INTO, AND THE DISTRICT AUTHORITY BOARD WILL BE KEPT UP TO DATE AS WELL.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: ADDRESS “ ISSUES PACKET” SUBMITTED BY DAVID BELLEVILLE
DISCUSSION. MOTION A/M GAGNON, SECOND A/M HAYES TO SEND LETTER TO MR.
BELLEVILLE ADVISING HIM THAT THE DISTRICT AUTHORITY MEMBERS HAVE NO
AUTHORITY TO ACT ON HIS PACKET OF ISSUES. UV

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION A/M VASSAR, SECOND A/VC MAYNARD TO CLOSE BRIDGE STREET TO
VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FROM 12:00PM TO 2:00PM ON NOVEMBER 10, 2024, FOR THE
REDEDICATION OF THE VETERANS MEMORIAL. UV

MOTION A/M VASSAR SECOND A/VC MAYNARD TO CLOSE MEETING AT 6:47PM. UV

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

LUCILLE HERRICK
DISTRICT CLERK